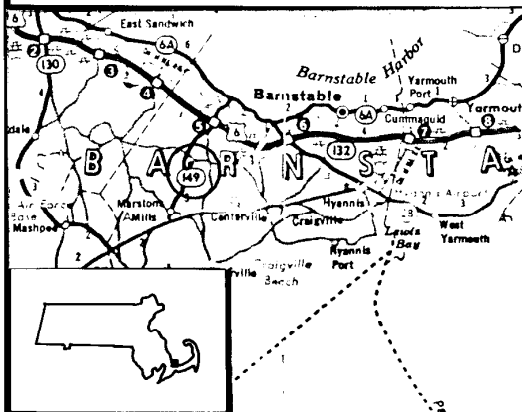


LOCATION



SHUBAEL POND
(BARNSTABLE)
AREA = 56 Acres



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General Information:

This 56-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 18 feet and a maximum depth of 40 feet. The shoreline is wooded and very lightly developed with a few permanent homes. Transparency is very good, extending beyond 15 feet, and the bottom is composed primarily of sand. Aquatic vegetation is scarce.

The pond is located about 2 miles south of the junction of Routes 6 and 149. To get there, take 149 (Prospect Street) south from Route 6, and take a left on Race Lane. Then take your third right onto Willimantic Road. At the end of Willimantic there is a dirt launching ramp and parking space for approximately 12 vehicles. The ramp is suitable for canoes, car top boats and shallow draft trailer boats.

This pond was reclaimed for trout management two or three decades ago. It was treated with agricultural limestone in 1991 to counteract increasingly acid conditions.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey, conducted in 1982, recorded three species present in addition to stocked brown and brook trout: smallmouth bass, golden shiner and banded killifish. Crayfish were also recorded.

Fishing:

This little pond offers some exceptional fishing opportunities for its size. It is stocked with trout every spring and fall, and there is a sufficient amount of coldwater habitat and forage for trout to hold over through the summer. Brook trout have been observed attempting to nest here, and both brown and brookies taken in July appear fat and healthy.

Although it is probably the most effective technique for catching trout, trolling gets very boring very quickly on a pond this small and round. Try a change in technique: make repeated drifts with the wind, jigging streamers, weighted worms or nymphs, or worm-sweetened jigs at various depths. During high summer, the trout will rarely be found outside the deep hole at the south end of the pond, but during spring and fall they are well distributed throughout the water column. Thanks to the solid bottom, wading fishermen can get around most of the pond. As always, stillfishing with worms or doughbaits near the bottom is likely to produce some trout.

Don't overlook the smallmouth resource here. While trophies remain scarce, bass in the 12 to 17 inch range are abundant. Look for them at depths of 15 to 25 feet. Small leadheaded jigs with pork or plastic tails, deep-diving crankbaits, and crayfish imitations will all score some action.

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